

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin, wherein the insulin sensitizer is selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is acidosis caused by metformin.

32. (Previously Presented) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is acidosis caused by metformin.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 16,~~ A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin;

wherein:

the insulin sensitizer is selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

said acidosis is diabetic acidosis; and

said mammal has type II diabetes.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 18,~~ A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said

mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein:

said acidosis is diabetic acidosis; and

said mammal has type II diabetes.